

The Nez Percés Indians threatened to drive the settlers from the Walla Walla Valley in Oregon. They have only eighty warriors.

Lapin, the defaulting State Treasurer of Kansas, is out on bail. He hailed out the School fund of the "Rotten Commonwealth."

Gen. Shelby, Gen. Jeff. Thompson and others, are organizing a scheme for the colonization of Mexico through immigration societies. They had a meeting at Sedalia lately.

The Empress of Japan has decided on the erection of a college for young girls who wish to devote themselves to teaching, and has given a liberal sum from her private purse toward the expense of construction.

Professor Nordenskiöld has received from a Russian capitalist the sum of 25,000 roubles toward defraying the cost of an expedition to the Behring Sea, to be undertaken the ensuing summer, with a view of discovering a route for merchantmen to the seas which bound Russia on the north.

THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE OF OREGON.

Under a special call from Governor Whackem, the Oregon Legislature will meet at the Court House this (Friday) evening at early candlelighting. The members composing that august body, and all others who desire to participate, will take notice and be promptly on hand at roll call.

HIS RECORD TOO MUCH LOADED DOWN.

Minister Washburne, representing the United States at Paris, has written a letter to a friend in this country, stating, in substance, that he is not an aspirant for presidential honors, and thinks his record too much loaded down to permit of his election if he did want the office. It won't do for a man to have much of a record, who seeks the presidential chair.

It is reported that when William H. Seward was defeated in the Chicago convention of 1860 he said: "Well, the power has departed from the Atlantic states, to rest hereafter in the Mississippi valley." The newspapers in the East now quote the prophecy with mournful interest, and remark that President Grant, acting vice-President Ferry, Speaker of the House Kerr, and chairman of the principal committees in the house are from the west.

OCCASION OF MUCH MISRULE.

Gen. Dix, in his recent lecture in New York on the signs of the times, expressed the belief that a failure to vote on the part of many citizens, was an occasion of much misrule. He thinks it is strange that a people who have fought for self-government, shedding blood and perilling all it possesses in the contest, should place so little value on the right of suffrage as to abstain from exercising it, and leave to others the choice of the public functionaries on whose fidelity their lives and property depend. Mr. Dix thinks when a person, without sufficient excuse, neglects to vote for two years, he should forfeit the right to vote forever afterward. He advocates more severe and more certain punishment as a means of reducing the amount of crime, a more thorough teaching of the golden rule, and a careful fostering of the public schools.

SEN. GRANT RISES TO EXPLAIN.

President Grant at the request of Prof. L. F. Thatcher, of the Iowa State University, wrote to that gentleman in explanation of his late Des Moines speech as follows: "What I said at Des Moines was hastily noted down in pencil and may have expressed my views imperfectly. I have not the manuscript before me, as I gave it to the secretary of the society. My idea of what I said is this: 'Resolved that the state or nation or both combined shall furnish to every child growing up in the land the means of acquiring a good common school education.' Such is my idea, and such I intended to have said. I feel no hostility to free education going as high as the state or national government feels able to provide—protecting, however, every child in the privilege of a common school education before public means are appropriated to a higher education for the few."

J. M. SWAN.

We are in receipt of the first number of the *Holt Knox News*, published at Yates City, Ill., by A. M. Swan, formerly of Holt county. In his salutatory Mr. Swan uses the following unmistakable language:

"I shall freely express my own views upon all subjects upon which I may be placed, but do not propose to control the action of any political party or furnish brains for any clique. If little men desire to become great through newspaper influence they must find some other medium—I am not for sale. This paper will not be the organ of free whisky, crooked whisky, straight whisky, saloon whisky, club room whisky, drug store whisky, nor yet the organ of the atheist, religionist or any other, infidel, spiritualist or crusader. But, for you, Bro. Swan! Your introduction has the ring of the true metal about it. The announcement of the birth of our Journal fills us with joy and exultation through the world of letters and yet position at the R. K. junction commanding the trade of portions of three populous counties, we see no reason why you should not make a success of your paper. Here is our

CRAIG.

Rumors about the Murder of H. Lawrence.

EDITOR SENTINEL: The all engrossing topic of conversation at this place at present is the murder of Hiram Lawrence. Hundreds of rumors are afloat in regard to the conduct of the prisoner, John Lawrence, previous to the terrible tragedy. Among the rumors set afloat is one to the effect that John had tried every inducement in his power to convert his father, having spent considerable time in reading the Bible to him, and explaining the dangers procrastination and the inevitable consequences of dying in sin; also, to the effect that the prisoner had frequently threatened the life of the deceased, also the life of a young lady to whom deceased had been paying attention, &c., but there may prove to be considerable discrepancy between rumors and evidence.

The preliminary examination was to have taken place on the 19th inst., but Squire Richmond received notice from the prosecuting attorney stating that it would be impossible to attend on that day, as he was compelled to attend Circuit Court at Rock Port, Mo., hence the probabilities are that the case will be continued until the 26th of Jan.

Another item of interest in connection with this fearful affair, is the finding of a fifty dollar bill by Squire T. C. Simpson of Liberty township. This money had been skillfully concealed in a barrel of rubbish in the smoke house adjoining the dwelling of deceased. It is a well known fact that Mr. L. had two fifty dollar bills in his possession the day before his death, and when his body was found some one had rifled his pockets.

But enough of this. Let us turn to something more pleasant. Craig has just witnessed a trade of considerable importance. A. P. Davenport, of the steam flouring mill, has bought out D. M. Parrish's stock of dry goods and notions. Hurrah for Davenport; if he don't get his share of trade, then we miss our guess. We happen to know him of old: he has energy and capital, and don't fear work in any shape. Such men deserve success, and are sure to win.

Wm. H. Frame has been secured as salesman in the new firm. A better selection could not have been made in the county. He is thoroughly and favorably known by the entire community.

The new store building, just completed by E. D. Richmond, will be occupied as a Drug Store by the firm of J. J. Wright & Co. This is a deservedly popular business house, and receives a full share of the public patronage. Jacob Varnes, Esq., our hardware merchant, has secured the agency for nearly every wagon made, and can undersell St. Joseph prices, when we take into consideration the difference in freight.

Lee Durham is making new harness and repairing old ones, and finds all of the work he can do. Messrs. Hopkins & Thayer are driving a good trade in furniture. If hard work and honesty can accomplish success in a laudable undertaking, these gentlemen are sure to win.

Extensive preparation are being made for the Grand Centennial Ball at Richmond Hall, on the 22nd of February. Every editor and printer of Holt county, will receive a cordial invitation. Other choice spirits will be invited in, and a general good time is anticipated. CHAS. MO., Jan. 17, 1876.

AN OLD FRIEND GONE.

Death of George Hoover of Benton Township.

And yet the spirit of still another of Holt county's honored citizens takes its flight, never more to return. We refer to George Hoover, who departed this life at his residence near Mound City, on Sunday the 18th day of January, 1876, after a lingering and protracted illness. His sickness had its origin in an accident that happened to him some years since, when a span of horses ran away with him and he was thrown out of the wagon. His system had been out of order ever since that time, although the immediate cause of his death was pronounced to be conjestion.

George Hoover was born in 1812 in Hardy county, Virginia, where he resided till his 17th year, when he with his family moved to the west and settled in Madison county, Indiana. At this place he resided four years when he moved to Miami county of the same State, which county continued to be his home for nearly 21 years. Twenty-one years ago he left Indiana and moved to Missouri and settled with a number of his relatives in Holt county, where he remained until the close of his earthly career.

Mr. Hoover was emphatically a good citizen, liberal in his views and ever ready to lend to the sunny side of life. His upright, consistent course and pleasant ways gained him hosts of friends wherever he was known. The sympathy of the public was with him during his late affliction and long confinement, and the intelligence of his death will cast a gloom over the community, where the name of Uncle George Hoover was a household word. A number of times during the past seven years, when occasion brought him to the county seat, would he call at the SENTINEL Printing Office and cheer us up by his conversation. He delighted to converse with us in the language of his ancestors and his early youth, (the German), and we were as often impressed at the comparative ease with which he conveyed his thoughts in that language.

In honor of the deceased led to the doctrine of the universal salvation of mankind through the meritorious atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and expired at that faith. At the time of his death he had attained the age of 63 years, 3 months and 26 days. Mr. Hoover was a single man, having never been married. The greater part of his life was spent in the society of his immediate relatives. His invalid and aged mother, now in her 98th year, survives to mourn his loss. She is perhaps the oldest person in Holt county, and is totally blind.

Our Trans-Pacific Neighbors.

PRINCETON COLLEGE, N. J., January 18th, 1876.

EDITOR SENTINEL: I send you a copy of an oration delivered before the students of this college, by Mr. Orita, of the senior class.

The fact that these are the views of a native of Japan, and the intrinsic merit of the oration will, I trust, be sufficient to secure its publication in the SENTINEL. Respectfully,
B. O. COWAN.

JAPAN, PAST AND PRESENT.

BY HIKOCHI ORITA, OF JAPAN.

In the thirteenth century the celebrated traveler, Marco Polo, first brought to the knowledge of the Western World, the existence of a far island to the east of Asia, which he called Zipang, the modern Japan. Among his marvelous stories about this island, which excited the wonder of Europeans, he told of the energetic and industrious character of its people; and related how the armies of Kublai Khan, a most powerful Mongol warrior, at that day the terror of all Asia as well as of Europe, had been ignominiously defeated by the Japanese, three only of the invaders being spared to carry back to China the fate of the rest. Through all the mutations of twenty-five centuries, Japan had remained a closed and isolated island, and the Americans, having knocked restlessly at her gates, obtained admission to that ancient empire, whose shores had been almost forgotten by the world. She is now entering upon a new life. Now the Empire has fully determined to remove all barriers of the traditional and stagnant customs of the past, and to adopt the people were so long satisfied. While they formerly idolized their own literature, science and customs, and treated scornfully those of the Western world, they are now making rapid strides toward the leadership in the material and mental development of the present day.

In proof of the earnestness now animating the people, we need but mention a few of the conspicuous results. Railways have been built, steamship lines established, light-houses stationed all along the coast, and in sea, a regular army and navy organized, thousands of institutions for learning and for benevolent purposes founded, old laws revised and new ones enacted. Indeed, the laws of the empire are to-day far more liberal than is generally supposed. The wicked are justly punished, and the good are rewarded by the state. Caste, that great barrier to the liberty—which excludes one class from the rights and privileges of another, and which only results in evil, barring up the way to general prosperity, has been removed, so that the rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all.

Above all, the most remarkable political change, and one which is unparalleled in history, is the abolition of the feudal system. This had existed for the last seven centuries throughout the Empire. Its overthrow was not accomplished by the force of imperial command, nor by the strength of the army. A few daimios or barons, sacrificing themselves to the welfare and prosperity of the country, urged the movement, and others followed their noble example. Thus was realized, in the face of the world, a peaceful change in a single year. The principal matters which now fill the newspapers and engage the people, are the questions of "free press," "freedom of conscience" and "popular representation in the government." It is certain that the spirit of the times tends decidedly in these more liberal directions. Success is a matter of only a few years, so that the structure of the country, its favorable position for commerce, as well as the peculiar energy and independence of its people, we shall see that Japan stands in striking contrast with the Asiatic nations. An examination of the geographical situation and of the history of the three grand divisions of the Eastern Hemisphere, reveals the interesting fact that each has a remarkable island, the gem of the continent lying adjacent to it—England to Europe, Madagascar to Africa, and Japan to Asia—each island possessed by a race more vigorous and more enterprising than the races of the neighboring countries, and each peculiarly related by the presiding genius of the continent which it represents, and fairly entitled to be called a leader of the respective civilizations.

Japan occupies the farthest post of Asia, "anchored off the quay like a signal light to the world," to meet the advances from other continents, especially from America, whose stars, reversing the order of nature, mingle with the rays of the "rising sun" of Japan. May they always cast their united light on the world's great pathway, guiding the nations in the ways of peace!

If Japan cherish the virtues and principles of humanity, Heaven will assist her in carrying on her appointed work to a higher level of human liberty and human happiness, where she may enjoy and breathe a purer atmosphere; may the auspicious "dawn of the new era" upon her path of progress! She will then be enabled to diffuse the blessing that she has acquired by her neighbors, that they may share her prosperity, for her banisher will wave as a glorious ensign of harmony and security, and will prevail in peace and unity, the universal brotherhood of man.

The Vernon County Debt.

The Vernon county court of this state made an experiment in purchasing its outstanding railroad bonds, which ought to be repeated by that county and imitated by others. It appointed an intelligent citizen as agents for the business, and transferred to him the money on hand belonging to the railroad fund to begin with. Acting under this authority, the agent purchased three bonds at an average of 74 cents on the dollar; six others at an average price of 84 cents; and others at an average price of 57 cents; making a total of 17 bonds bought for \$120,000. The par value of these bonds was \$170,000; but there was paid due interest that went with them, so that the county actually saved \$50,000 by the purchase. But the county still has \$400,477 of debt outstanding, nearly one-fourth (\$102,753) is unpaid interest. Nearly all this indebtedness is in litigation with no hopes whatever of any part of it, through favorable decisions in the courts. Meantime the interest is accumulating at the rate of \$1,187 a year, so that nothing of the cost of litigation—St. Louis Republic.

The Democratic State Convention of Texas has made the following nominations: For Governor, Richard Coke; for Lieutenant Governor, B. Hubbard.

LINCOLN ITEMS.

Price of Hogs.

The receipts of hogs at this point during the past eight days have been quite moderate compared with the receipts on former years at this season. The warm weather has been a constant irritation to the packers, but they have packed along as they made purchases, though probably at a risk of damage to the product put up. The market has been a little fluctuating. During the first part of the week it strengthened, and as high as \$5.70 was paid for some fine lots of hogs. The last few days it has weakened, however, and is lower. To-day, the offers ranged from \$5.30 to \$6.00, with probably no bids above \$6.00. Packing to date at this point is about 77,000 hogs. This number is probably as many as was hoped, at the beginning of the season, to be reached, by many interested in the packing business. Shipments from the Union Stock Yards to the larger cities have been larger than usual, a good many owners being unwilling to accept packers' prices. Private telegrams, to-day, announce that Chicago is lower, with the market dull at the decline.—St. Joe Herald.

The people of Lafayette county voted on the 21st inst. a proposition to compromise their debt at 75 and 80 cents on the dollar and adopted it by a large majority. There was not a single precinct that gave a majority against it. There yet remains the assent of the bondholders to the scheme to be secured. Many of them signified their willingness to accept the terms several weeks ago, when the county agent, Col. McClellan, visited St. Louis to lay the county court's proposition before them, and it is not probable that any considerable number of them will oppose it.

Lafayette county will, by the compromise, effect a reduction of about \$200,000 in its debt, and bring its obligations down to a point where it can pay them without difficulty. We hope to see other counties imitate this example.

The Lafayette Compromise.

The London Times warns Spain that unless she can protect British ships from the shots of Carlist artillerymen, Great Britain must go to her help. The Times says that the United States might set a good example by insisting that Cuba be no longer allowed to become the plague rather than the pearl of the Antilles.

It is thought that Mr. Beecher's lawyers will enter a demurrer to the suit of Francis D. Monilton against Mr. Beecher for libel, on the ground that when a *procurator* has been entered on an indictment against any person, that person cannot claim damages, as the *nolle prosequi* is recognition and acknowledgment of the innocence of the accused.

Sir Anthony Rothschild, who died last week in London, England, was a grandson of the founder of the family. His father, Nathan, went to England in 1800, and acted as agent for the grandfather at Manchester, in the purchase of goods for the continent. Anthony was Nathan Rothschild's second son, and was born in 1810.

A census of Germany was taken Dec. 1 in a single day. That is quite different from the tardy process of census-taking which has been in vogue in this country. By this census Berlin contains 264,755 inhabitants, Hamburg 385,839, Breslau 287,398, Leipzig 126,412—in cases a decided increase since the last census in 1871.

R. A. DeBolt, representative in congress from his district, has introduced a bill in the House regulating the sale of tobacco. The bill removes all restrictions upon tobacco raisers, allowing them to sell to any one, and put the license for retailing leaf tobacco at fifty dollars.

The editor of the *Index*, at Belvidere, Kan., was recently horse-whipped. Being very enterprising, he immediately got out an extra giving an account of it.

The Hon. George Bancroft told a reporter of the Philadelphia *Item*, recently, that the coming Centennial Exhibition would in every respect excel any international exhibition ever before given. He thinks it will drive away hard times and encourage immigration to an astonishing extent. Mr. Bancroft thinks the next Presidential campaign will be the most exciting one of our history.

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